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MOBILE BROADBAND FOCUS OF SAN DIEGO FIELD HEARING THURSDAY

Hearing for National Broadband Plan Explores Spectrum, Mobile Applications

As part of its effort to gather information for the development of a National Broadband Plan, the FCC will hold a field hearing in San Diego Thursday focused on the transformational change that is resulting from the confluence of mobility and broadband. In particular, the hearing will provide a West Coast perspective on spectrum availability, mobile applications, and the role that they play in the development of America's broadband infrastructure. The Commission will be represented by Chairman Julius Genachowski and Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker. Questions and comments from the audience are encouraged.

WHAT: FCC Field Hearing: Mobile Applications and Spectrum

WHO: Chairman Julius Genachowski, Commissioner Meredith Attwell

Baker, and panelists

WHEN: Thursday October 8, 2009, 9:00 a.m. PDT– 12:15 p.m. PDT

WHERE: Joan B. Kroc Institute of Peace and Justice

University of San Diego

5998 Alcala Park San Diego, CA 92110

Webcast at http://www.fcc.gov/live/

AGENDA

Introduction: Chairman Genachowski

Panel 1: Mobile Applications That Will Change the Way We Use Broadband

Moderator: Chairman Genachowski

Statements by Chairman Genachowski, Commissioner Baker

Panelists:

Rey Ramsey, President and Chief Executive Officer, One-Economy Pam Scanlon, Vice President and Chief Technology Officer, ARJIS

Darrel Drinan, Chief Executive Officer, PhiloMetron

Larry Goldenhersh, President, Enviance William Griswold, Professor, University of California, San Diego Matt Murphy, Partner, Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers

Panel 2, 10:45 a.m. PDT: Broadband Spectrum: A Looming Crisis?

Moderator: Chairman Genachowski

Statements by Chairman Genachowski, Commissioner Baker

Panelists:

John Badal, Chief Executive Officer, Sacred Wind Communications

Peggy Johnson, Executive Vice President for the Americas & India

Ravi Potharlanka, Chief Operating Officer, FiberTower

Gigi Sohn, President and Co-Founder, Public Knowledge

Victor Bahl, Principal Researcher and founding Manager of the Networking Research Group, Microsoft Research

Egil Gronstad, Vice President, Technology Planning, Leap Wireless

Matthew R. Rantanen, Director of Technology, Southern California Tribal Chairman's Association, Tribal Digital Village

The FCC is convening a series of field hearings this fall to promote an open dialogue between the FCC and the public on development of a National Broadband Plan. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 directed the FCC to submit a National Broadband Plan to Congress by February 17, 2010 that addresses broadband deployment, adoption, affordability, and the use of broadband to advance solutions to national priorities, including health care, education, energy, public safety, job creation, investment, and others.

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